

March 6, 2018

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, et al.
Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Kansas State Senate
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: HB 2477 PROPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to ask that you SUPPORT the health and well-being of all Kansans and companion animals within our state by **VOTING YES ON HB 2477**, as amended by the House Committee. The proposed amendments will ensure the integrity of our state's Animal Facility Inspection program, punish irresponsible breeders with fines and penalties, and force out unethical puppy mills – all in a cost- and time-efficient manner.

Prior notice of inspections only promotes animal abuse and neglect to flourish in our state, by allowing violators time and notice to hide the inhumane treatment of animals. Non-enforcement of violations has crippled our budget for years and serves only to protect and promote more violations. Eliminating licensing and associated fees would allow violators to legally transport mistreated animals to uninspected locales, further perpetuating the cycle of abuse and neglect.

These amendments would prevent horrible situations such as these from ever beginning and punish the violators who have continued to drain our budget for years. It's time to take a stance in support of the welfare of Kansans, our companion animals, and our tax dollars, rather than in the coddling of for-profit violators.

Please **SUPPORT HB 2477**, as amended by the House, and **VOTE YES!**

Respectfully,

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